

(Translation)

Viso Consulat
France at Saltillo.

The year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four and Friday the thirty-first day of March.

Before us Edmille Castaigné, Vice Consul of France at Saltillo, Canton of Masantla, Department of Nuevo Leon, Mexico.

Has appeared Mr William F. Parker, citizen of the United States of North America, born the tenth day of August in the year one thousand eight hundred and twelve in the County of Edgecomb State of North Carolina, who has begged us to take his following declaration.

That in the month of August 1842 being in Texas at Victoria near to Lavalle on the river Colorado he engaged in the army of Texas as a volunteer of infantry in a company of the regiment commanded by the Colonel Fisher and under the orders of General Almonte. Then stationed at San Antonio he was made prisoner with 24 others of his battalion and Major 2nd Lieutenant G. K. Muller and the Colonel Fisher at the village of Mier by the Mexican troops commanded by General Arangoz. But on the said 23rd of December he was made prisoner towards the Capital, Mexico. That in September 1843 he was transferred to the fortress of Coate. And that the 16th of September 1844 he left the fortress of Coate having recovered his liberty by order of H. J. President of the Republic Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna. That immediately before leaving the fortress of Coate the 2nd Lieutenant G. K. Muller and the Colonel Wm. F. Parker delivered to him, Parker, and to each of the other prisoners of their regiment a certificate of discharge from the state of service (d'état de service).

That the Mr. Parker left with three others of his comrades for the French Colony of Guadalupe and that on the route he lost the certificate that his Colonel had given him, in consequence of which he prays us to add to the present a similar certificate given to me of his comrades Mr. A. H. T. Jr.

That he entered the service of Texas under the